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Letter dated 24 November 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the final communiqué of the Summit of Heads of State, Government and Delegation of the Gulf of Guinea held in Libreville (Gabon) on 19 November 1999 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this communiqué circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 77, and of the Security Council.

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Annex

Final communiqué of the Heads of State, Government and Delegation of the Gulf of Guinea

On the invitation of His Excellency El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of Gabon, and at the proposal of His Excellency Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria,

Their Excellencies:

El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of Gabon,

Mr. Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of Equatorial Guinea,

Mr. Miguel Dos Anjos da Cunha Lisboa Trovoada, President of Sao Tome and Principe,

Mr. Denis Sassou-Nguesso, President of the Congo,

Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria,

Mr. Augustin Kontchou Kouomégni, Minister of State responsible for Foreign Affairs, representing His Excellency Mr. Paul Biya, President of Cameroon,

Mr. João Bernardo de Miranda, Minister for Foreign Affairs, representing His Excellency Mr. José Eduardo dos Santos, President of Angola,

Met in Libreville, Gabon, on 19 November 1999 to study ways and means of maintaining peace, security and stability in the Gulf of Guinea, establishing a climate of trust and understanding, coordinating and intensifying their cooperation and forestalling possible conflicts.

The Heads of State, Government and Delegation of the Gulf of Guinea countries:

Bearing in mind the provisions of the charters of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (OAU), and recalling the decision taken by the thirty-fifth ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of OAU to declare the year 2000 as the Year of Peace, Security and Solidarity in Africa,

Convinced that dialogue and negotiation remain the best means of achieving lasting solutions to all disputes in conformity with the charters of the United Nations and OAU,

Determined to strengthen the friendship and fraternity among their peoples, to safeguard relations of good neighbourliness and to consolidate peace and cooperation among their States,

Aware of the need to establish a mechanism for dialogue and consultation capable of forestalling, managing and settling disputes relating to the economic and commercial exploitation of the natural wealth located within the territorial limits, and particularly in the exclusive economic zones (EEZ), of Member States,

Having considered the recommendations of the Preparatory Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs held in Libreville, Gabon, on 17 and 18 November 1999,

Have agreed to establish a consultation framework for cooperation among and the development of the countries of the Gulf of Guinea, as well as for the prevention, management and settlement of conflicts among them, to be known as the Commission of the Gulf of Guinea (CGG),

The organization and operation of the Commission shall be based inter alia on the following principal organs:

The Summit of Heads of State and Government;

The Councils of Ministers, particularly the Ministers responsible for:

Foreign affairs;

The economy;

Fishery resources;

Mines;

The environment.

The Heads of State, Government and Delegation of the Gulf of Guinea countries mandated their Ministers for Foreign Affairs to take all steps necessary to draw up the constitutional texts of the Commission in order to submit them for decision to the next Summit of Heads of State and Government, which will take place in Libreville in one year.

The Commission of the Gulf of Guinea is open to participation by other States in the region expressing the desire to participate.

The Heads of State further welcome the existence of agreements on the delimitation of maritime boundaries between certain member States, and encourage the inclusion of others, in order to put an end to actual or potential territorial disputes.

The Heads of State, Government and Delegation meeting in Libreville express their gratitude to His Excellency El Hadj Omar Bongo and to the Government and people of Gabon for the hospitality and friendship shown to them during their stay on Gabonese soil.